

Treatment Review Panel Meeting

Terry Rowe's Office, VSH

June 19, 2008

3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Panel attendees present: Richard Lanza, Psychologist-master; Lis Mickenberg, LICSW;
Stuart Graves, MD

Panel member absent: Wanda Cosman, BSN

Guests: Tom Simpatico, MD; Terry Rowe, LICSW

Public attendees present: None.

The meeting commenced at 3:15 p.m.

- 1) Meeting Minutes from 3/13/08 – There was one change in #5) it should read on third sentence: The Panel requests medical record information to accompany the next grievance reviewed by the panel for systemic issues. Richard Lanza approved the meeting minutes as amended for 3/13/08, Stuart Graves seconded.
- 2) Treatment Review Panel Annual Report draft letter was approved and Richard Lanza will be sending this out to Michael Hartman, Commissioner of Mental Health.
- 3) Terry Rowe talked about a Work Plan – VSH has a 3-year SAMHSA grant for reduction in the use of seclusions and restraints at VSH. There are two hospitals participating in this grant – Brattleboro Retreat targets children's population and VSH targets adult population. We have a coordinator for both hospitals. VSH has hired Edward Riddle who is an ex-law enforcement officer from Oregon. Mr. Riddle will be starting at VSH on June 30th, 2008. Terry will hand out a work plan in the next TPR meeting.

The data collected from Mr. Riddle will be presented to the Advisory Board.

The Treatment Review Panel has asked to meet with Mr. Riddle during their next meeting.

- 4) VSH is looking into their NAPPI training to make sure that this is the best training available for employees at VSH.

Other Business:

Grievances – VSH will be doing a data collection on this to see if there are any patterns. Mr. Riddle will be a dedicated resource on this issue.

Non-medicated patients at VSH – This has resulted in high percentages of injuries. VSH tries to do the least restrictive alternatives. Stuart Graves said that advance directive might be useful.

Treatment Review Panel – It was brought up if this panel really needs to continue and is it required. Terry Rowe has sent a memo to Wendy Beininger and will inform the members when she receives information. Terry Rowe would really like the Treatment Review Panel members to be a part of the Advisory Board and the members were interested in this idea. The Treatment Review Panel will write a letter to PNA if this is helpful.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting will be on September 18, 2008 from 3:00 -5:00 p.m. Or if it is decided that the Treatment Review Panel is not needed the Panel will be notified.

Respectfully submitted,

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